

**House File 573 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 26)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the exercise, by school districts, of any  
2 broad and implied powers not inconsistent with the laws of  
3 the general assembly, and to the construction of statutes  
4 related to school district boards and school districts.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 274.3 Exercise of powers —  
2 construction.

3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall  
4 operate, control, and supervise all public schools located  
5 within its district boundaries and may exercise any broad and  
6 implied power, not inconsistent with the laws of the general  
7 assembly and administrative rules adopted by state agencies  
8 pursuant thereto, related to the operation, control, and  
9 supervision of those public schools.

10 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the board of directors of  
11 a school district shall not have power to levy any tax unless  
12 expressly authorized by the general assembly.

13 3. This chapter, chapter 257, chapter 257B, and chapters  
14 275 through 301, and other statutes relating to the boards of  
15 directors of school districts and to school districts shall be  
16 liberally construed to effectuate the purposes of subsection 1.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the exercise of powers by the board of  
21 directors of a school district.

22 The bill authorizes a school board to exercise any broad  
23 or implied power, not inconsistent with the laws of the  
24 general assembly and administrative rules adopted pursuant  
25 thereto, related to the operation, control, and supervision  
26 of the public schools located within its district boundaries.  
27 However, the authority does not encompass the power to levy  
28 any tax unless expressly authorized by the general assembly.  
29 Statutes relating to school boards and school districts shall  
30 be liberally construed to effectuate the authority granted  
31 under the bill.